

Chicago Opera Fate Rests on Raising \$500,000 Guaranty

Denial Made That Polacco or Any Other Had Been Picked as General Director if Miss Garden Resigns

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
CHICAGO, April 15.—Giorgio Polacco has not been decided upon as general director of the Chicago Opera Company, as reported yesterday. No one has been discussed to take the place of Mary Garden in the event of her retirement.

The foregoing is a summary of a formal statement issued this morning by Samuel Insull, president of the Civic Opera Association, shortly after he arrived at his home. He made the statement, it was explained, to set at rest all the rumors and cross rumors that have been in circulation concerning changes in the executive management of the Chicago Opera Company.

"There is no foundation whatever for the statement in a Chicago newspaper this morning as to Giorgio Polacco being the new general director of the Chicago Opera Company. No one has been discussed to take Miss Garden's position in the event of her retirement and, as a matter of fact, the executive organization will be an entirely different character should Miss Garden retire."

"In any event, before the subject of organization can be considered, the \$500,000 guaranty fund has got to be completed, and to do this a substantial amount of additional subscriptions is required."

Mr. Insull would not enlarge upon what was meant by "the executive organization will be an entirely different character should Miss Garden retire," and it is not known whether Miss Garden's retirement would have any effect upon the position of Clark A. Shaw, the present business manager.

The statement issued by Mr. Insull is in line with quotations attributed to Giorgio Polacco last winter when there were rumors that he was being groomed to assume the general directorship.

According to the report Mrs. Archibald Freer and Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick were interested in the appointment of Polacco, but he is said to have refused its consideration with the assertion that "the position would drive him crazy," and that "he would drive all the artists out of the company in a week" because of the worry which the position would cause.

Dorothea Willard Wedded To Col. Richard Hooker

Newport Society Girl Surprises Parents by Becoming Bride After Dinner Party

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NEWPORT, R. I., April 15.—Miss Dorothea Willard, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Joseph Willard, surprised her family after a dinner party at 9 o'clock this evening when she was married to Colonel Richard Hooker, of the United States Marine Corps, at the home of her parents on Catherine Street, Colonel Hooker, who comes of a Virginia family and who is a member of the class attending the Naval War College, was a dinner guest of the Willards, and although the family knew that Colonel Hooker and Miss Willard were on very friendly terms there had been no intimation of an engagement.

Keeping the plans of their approaching wedding a secret, Colonel Hooker and Miss Willard participated in the dinner, as though nothing out of the ordinary was taking place. Immediately after the dinner, however, the Rev. Stanley C. Hughes, rector of Trinity Church, walked into the Willard home and performed the ceremony

which made the popular young society girl Mrs. Hooker. The only persons present besides the bride couple and the clergyman were Colonel and Mrs. Willard, Miss Natalia Willard and Miss Roberta Willard, sisters of the bride. Immediately following the ceremony, Colonel and Mrs. Hooker left for New York by boat.

After his graduation from the Naval War College in June Colonel Hooker will take his bride to Camp Benning, Georgia, where he will be stationed.

Blessing of Armenian Church Conferred on U.S.

ETCHMADZIN, Armenia, April 15 (By The Associated Press).—A patriarchal blessing on the American people for their help to Armenia is a unique and striking innovation of the Easter celebration at the Papal Palace here of George V. head of the Armenian Church, the most ancient body of Christians in the Old World.

"On this Easter day," reads the message, "the whole Armenian people desires to send greetings to the great American nation, whose work of relief has been the most important factor in the survival alike of the Armenian people and their ancient faith. Your spirit of charity and sympathy has been an example and inspiration to the Christian world."

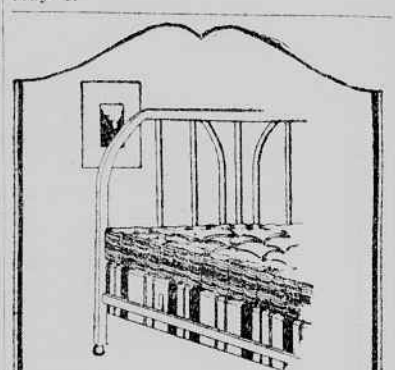
"As father of the ancient Armenian Church I take pleasure in speaking to you for my people from the old Armenian Cathedral of St. Etchmadzin, at the foot of historic Mount Ararat. You are following nobly in the footsteps of our great Master; your nation to-day is the world's greatest interpreter of his broad charity and love."

First Exhibition of German Art Here Since 1912 to Open

The Newark Museum will open tomorrow evening the first exhibition of German applied art which has been seen in this country since 1912. It was arranged under the direction of John Cotton Dana to encourage the improvement of quality in production through art principles.

The exhibit consists of 1,600 articles in wood, metal, glass, lace and embroidery and was sent to America by the Deutscher Werkbund. The Werkbund is an association of more than 3,000 members representing varied lines of work.

The exhibition will continue until May 1.



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McCormack Better After Undergoing Another Operation

Anti-Toxin Is Administered and Singer Takes Light Nourishment First Time in Several Days; Rests Well

John McCormack, the singer, showed marked improvement yesterday afternoon after antitoxin had been administered, it was said, and took some nourishment for the first time since his illness began, a week ago. He had a bad night Friday, however, and was operated on again in the morning. His improvement followed an injection of antitoxin. The following bulletin, signed by Dr. Harmon Smith, was given out at 6:30 p. m.:

"Mr. McCormack has been resting comfortably since 1 p. m. to-day, when

antitoxin in extent of 10,000 units was administered by Dr. Alfred G. Dupont. He has been able during this period to take a little nourishment for the first time in several days."

The earlier bulletin, given out at 1 p. m., had been far less encouraging and the representative of the family who gave it out had declined to comment upon its significance. In giving out the second bulletin, however, Dr. E. McSweeney, the singer's manager, criticized the newspapers for the serious view they had taken of Mr. McCormack's illness, saying: "You can't kill an Irishman that easy." The 1 o'clock bulletin follows:

"Mr. McCormack passed a very restless night. Dr. Munroe was at his bedside all night. Dr. Smith was called in at 4 a. m. and remained in constant attendance until this hour."

"At 7:30 a. m.—Increased difficulty in breathing. At 8 a. m.—Operated on by Dr. Smith, assisted by Dr. Munroe. Opened the upper part of the pharynx."

"At 1 p. m.—Anti-toxin, 10,000 units, administered by Dr. du Pont."

(Signed) Dr. Alfred G. du Pont, Harmon Smith and Cornelius G. Conley.

Numerous messages have been received at the singer's home, 270 Park Avenue, expressing hope for his recovery, some of which have been read to the patient by his wife, who is with him constantly. A message which seemed to cheer Mr. McCormack was one from Dublin signed by Lawrence O'Neill, Lord Mayor of that city; Michael Collins, Arthur Griffith and Eamon de Valera.

The ceremony to-morrow will be a Pontifical mass, celebrated by Cardinal Merry del Val, Archbishop of St. Peter's. Americans participated in the ceremonies throughout Holy Week, attending services in all local churches. To-morrow's service in St. Peter's is expected to attract another large pilgrimage of Americans, for it was announced to-day that after mass the sacred relic of the Basilica would be exposed under the great dome, designed by Michael Angelo.

Pope to Say Mass To-day For Diplomats, Friends

ROME, April 15 (By The Associated Press).—Pope Pius will celebrate Easter quietly, saying mass only in the Mathilds Chapel, to which the members of the diplomatic corps, their families and a few intimate friends have been invited.

Announcement was made from the Vatican to-day that the Pope would not bestow the benediction from the balcony of St. Peter's, as was customary prior to 1870, when the Pope celebrated mass in St. Stephen's and then blessed the crowds in the Piazza Basilica.

Washington Portrait In Sale Collection

Fine Art Objects Gathered by Sir Algernon Oliphant To Be Dispersed

A collection of art objects notable for its association and historic interest is that of Sir Algernon Oliphant, which has been sent to the Clarke galleries for dispersal at auction. The rarities include a hitherto unknown portrait of Washington by Gilbert Stuart, a group of stained glass panels of superlative quality and two fine sets of tapestries. The entire collection will be on display at the galleries, 41 East Fifty-eighth Street, to-morrow and until the opening of the sale, April 26.

The tapestries comprise seven Brussels pieces, from designs by Holbein, depicting the story of Belshazzar, this set having originally come from the collection of the Marquis de Montesquieu, in Paris; the royal hunting tapestries, by Trousse de Cryts, and a pair of very rare Medici tapestries from Florence. Among the stained glass panels are several examples of

very rare Oxford Gothic work from the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. A needlework Chippendale dining room suite from Lord Ascourt's estate is notable among the furniture, which includes also a fine Georgian architectural bookcase from Wanstead Park, England; old court cupboards, marriage chests, refectory tables and many pieces of French character signed by renowned cabinet makers.

Among the architectural objects to be shown are several painted ceilings, including one by Ingres, and "Les Cupides," by Fragonard's most talented pupil, Marguerite Gerard, and ceilings and over-door decorations by Lady Diana Beauclerk, daughter of Lord Marlborough; Mary Ann Flaxman, Mary Nollekens and Maria Cecilia Louisa Corway. In this section of the collection there are many marble and wood chimney pieces and a unique mantelpiece in porphyry and marble by Inigo Jones.

Other objects in the collection are two harpsichords of the seventeenth century, one decorated by Nicholas Maes and Philip de Koning; rare porcelain, clocks by famous makers and many pieces of exquisite Georgian silver.

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(Main Floor)

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Children's Night Drawers of White Cross-bar Muslin, sizes 2 to 6 years. Baby Week Price, 75c

Beacon Blankets with small figure design—Pink or Blue. Baby Week Price, 95c

Fleece-down Bath Robes in Pink or Blue, finished with shell stitching and silk cord. Baby Week Price, 1.00

Infants' Cotton and Wool Shirts, finished with shell stitching. Baby Week Price, 95c

Infants' Crochet Sacques of fine, soft wool—White trimmed with Pink or Blue. Baby Week Price, 95c

Infants' Booties of soft wool—White trimmed with Pink or Blue. Baby Week Price, 50c

Japanese Silk Moccasins—Pink, White and Blue. Baby Week Price, 75c

Children's Knitted Capes—Red, Jade, Peacock, Buff, Navy, finished with white brushed wool collars. Baby Week Price, 3.65

Hand-embroidered bibs of fine Battiste. Baby Week Prices, 65c and 85c

Hand-embroidered Pillow Tops, size 12 x 16. Baby Week Prices, 2.25 to 6.50

Infants' Wrappers (cotton wadded), hand-tufted. White, Pink or Blue. Baby Week Price, 2.85

Flannelette Diapers—soft and fleecy. 27 inches square. Baby Week Price, doz., 1.75

Muslin Sheets in crib size, 36x50, finished with hem-stitching. Baby Week Price, 50c

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(Third Floor)



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(Second Floor)

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(Fourth Floor)

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